



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Ezekiel 33: 7-9
Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9
Romans 13: 8-10
Matthew 18: 15-20



*“The family
is the first
and vital cell
of society.”*

*St. John Paul II
(Familiaris Consortio, 42).*

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This is why we as Malaysians cannot speak about society from a distance because we are a part of it. Our neighbours are not ideas but people we meet in our homes, schools, workplaces, markets, kampungs, flats, estates, hospitals, and streets.

MPC2026 will discern deeper what it means to be a Malaysian Catholic in this society. Unity in diversity is not simply a slogan but our Christian responsibility. It asks us to reach out, see, listen, respect, and build bridges.

Fratelli Tutti helps us think more clearly about our place in society. Pope Francis broadens our horizon beyond our own group, race, religion, language, or community. He writes, “It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women” (FT 8).

This speaks strongly to Malaysia. We are used to living with diversity, but living beside one another is not always the same as living for one another. A society can be diverse and still remain divided. We may share the same roads, schools, hospitals, and public spaces, yet still fail to see the burdens carried by others.

Fratelli Tutti calls us to recover the meaning of neighbour. Pope Francis reflects on the parable of the Good Samaritan and reminds us that the question is not only who my neighbour is, but whether I will become a neighbour to the one in need. This is important for the Malaysian Church. Our social witness must begin with real people in real situations.

This includes the poor, migrants, refugees, stateless persons, the elderly, students, workers, rural communities, families under pressure, and those who feel forgotten. It also includes people of other faiths and cultures, with whom we are called to build trust, peace, and the common good.

MPC2026 gives us a chance to ask how the Church in Malaysia can live this more faithfully. We are not called to withdraw from society. We are called to reach out with mercy, humility, courage, and hope.

To say “we are Malaysians” is not only to claim belonging. It is to accept the responsibility of our place in society in this land we love. ✚

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MPC2026 Malaysian Family – Reaching Out to Society

As Christians, we are part of society. We do not live our faith outside the Malaysian reality, but within it. Our reality is rich, complex, and sometimes painful. We live among many cultures, languages, religions, and ways of life. We carry different histories in Sabah, Sarawak, and Semenanjung. Some live in cities, others in rural or remote communities. Some struggle with poverty, migration, isolation, displacement, family pressure, or the feeling of being unseen.

